



Elon Musk's Platform Faces Thousands of User Complaints

Description

On Monday morning, Elon Musk's social media platform, X—formerly Twitter—suffered substantial outages that disrupted the experience of thousands of users in both the United States and the United Kingdom. Reports from the outage-monitoring service Downdetector indicated that tens of thousands of US users experienced technical difficulties, with over 8,000 reports emerging from the UK just before 14:00 GMT, following a notable surge in complaints throughout the morning.

Users attempting to engage with the platform during these outages encountered persistent loading icons on both the mobile application and desktop interface. In an unusual assertion, Musk attributed the disruptions to a "massive cyber-attack" purportedly originating from the Ukrainian region. However, despite his claims, he provided no substantive evidence to corroborate this theory and refrained from suggesting whether state actors might be implicated. Earlier, he indicated on X that the incident possibly involved "either a large, coordinated group or a nation-state."

Alp Toker, director of Netblocks—a digital infrastructure monitoring organization—argued that the nature of the outages aligns with past denial-of-service attacks, rather than stemming from configuration errors. He noted that the occurrences presented in excess of six hours of significant downtime, a troubling pattern indicative of an extensive assault on X's infrastructure.

As a further complication, Musk vocally criticized US Senator Mark Kelly, labeling him a "traitor" for his recent visit to Ukraine, where Kelly emphasized the imperative of supporting the Ukrainian populace. In response, Kelly countered Musk's remarks, advocating for the essential values underpinning American freedom.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Outages** /'aʊ.teɪ.dʒɪz/ (noun): A period when a service or facility is not available.
2. **Disrupted** /dɪs'rʌptɪd/ (verb): Interrupted or disturbed the normal flow or operation.
3. **Corroborate** /kə'rɒb.ər.eɪt/ (verb): To provide support or evidence to confirm a claim or theory.
4. **Assert** /ə'sɜ:t/ (verb): To state a fact or belief confidently and forcefully.
5. **Alleged** /ə'ledʒd/ (adjective): Claimed or asserted without proof typically in a legal context.
6. **Imperative** /ɪm'pɛr.ə.tɪv/ (noun): An essential or urgent requirement or task.

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. Who attributed the disruptions on the social media platform X to a
Option: Elon Musk
Option: Alp Toker
Option: US Senator Mark Kelly
Option: Downtetector
2. Where did reports indicate that significant technical difficulties were experienced by users on X?
Option: United States only
Option: Mexico
Option: United States and United Kingdom
Option: Canada
3. What did users encounter during the outages on X?
Option: Persistent loading icons
Option: No change in service
Option: Faster loading speeds
Option: Increased functionality
4. Who is the director of Netblocks, a digital infrastructure monitoring organization?
Option: Elon Musk
Option: Alp Toker
Option: US Senator Mark Kelly
Option: Ratan Naval Tata
5. What did Alp Toker argue that the outages on X aligned with?
Option: Past successful campaigns
Option: Configuration errors
Option: Denial-of-service attacks
Option: Competitor takeovers
6. Who was labeled a
Option: Alp Toker
Option: Downtetector
Option: US Senator Mark Kelly
Option: Ratan Naval Tata



True-False

- 7. Elon Musk provided substantial evidence to support his claim of a cyber-attack on X.
- 8. Alp Toker suggested that the outages were likely due to configuration errors.
- 9. The outages on X lasted for over six hours.
- 10. US Senator Mark Kelly agreed with Elon Musk regarding the situation in Ukraine.
- 11. Elon Musk commended the users for their patience during the outages.
- 12. US Senator Mark Kelly responded by criticizing Elon Musk for his remarks.

Gap-Fill

- 13. The nature of the outages indicated a troubling pattern of an extensive assault on X's infrastructure lasting in excess of _____ hours.
- 14. Elon Musk refrained from suggesting whether _____ actors might be involved in the cyber-attack.
- 15. Alp Toker is the director of _____, a digital infrastructure monitoring organization.
- 16. Earlier, Musk indicated that the incident possibly involved either a large, coordinated group or a _____.
- 17. US Senator Mark Kelly emphasized the imperative of supporting the _____ populace during his visit to Ukraine.
- 18. Kelly advocated for the essential values underpinning _____ freedom in response to Musk's criticism.



Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Elon Musk 2. United States and United Kingdom 3. Persistent loading icons 4. Alp Toker
5. Denial-of-service attacks 6. US Senator Mark Kelly

True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. True 10. False 11. False 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. six 14. state 15. Netblocks 16. nation-state 17. Ukrainian 18. American

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is another word for disputed?

- Option: Asserted
- Option: Indebtedness
- Option: Vitriolic
- Option: Imperative

2. Which word means to confirm or give support to a statement?

- Option: Excessively
- Option: Bolster
- Option: Ostracizing
- Option: Procure

3. What term describes the position of gaining power or influence?

- Option: Cessation
- Option: Outages
- Option: Ascendance
- Option: Disrupted

4. Which word best describes a highly critical or caustic tone?

- Option: Trepidations
- Option: Corroborates
- Option: Vitriolic
- Option: Exacerbate

5. What word means the practice or policy of providing equal access to opportunities and resources for all people?

- Option: Inclusivity
- Option: Apprehensions
- Option: Fortify



Option: Machinations

6. Which word means excluding or shunning someone from a group or society?

Option: Vitriolic

Option: Indebtedness

Option: Assert

Option: Ostracizing

7. What term means to interrupt the normal course of an activity or process?

Option: Assert

Option: Bolster

Option: Perceived

Option: Disrupted

8. Which word describes something that triggers a particular action or event?

Option: Liabilities

Option: Precipitant

Option: Indebtedness

Option: Asserted

9. What word means supposed or claimed without proof?

Option: Corroborates

Option: Imperative

Option: Alleged

Option: Trepidations

10. Which word means to strengthen or secure a place or position?

Option: Exacerbate

Option: Procure

Option: Fortify

Option: Controversy

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. Having a lot of debt is a form of financial _____.

12. When making important decisions it is essential to have a clear _____ for your choices.

13. Spending _____ can lead to financial troubles.



14. To obtain necessary supplies the team needed to _____ them quickly.
15. Public figures often find themselves in the midst of _____ due to their actions or statements.
16. The new evidence _____ the witness testimony strengthening the case.
17. It is _____ that we address these issues immediately for the safety of everyone involved.
18. The power grid experienced frequent _____ due to the storm.
19. Despite his _____ he decided to take on the challenging task.
20. The ceasefire agreement led to a _____ of hostilities between the warring factions.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The company's list of included properties investments and cash reserves.
22. The politician's actions were under intense by the media and the public.
23. The firefighters worked tirelessly to the trapped victims from the burning building.
24. The agent was able to the rare artifact for the museum's collection.
25. The protest march was by heavy rainfall forcing the participants to seek shelter.
26. The company announced new measures to the local economy and create jobs.
27. The candidate's speech was as insincere by the audience leading to a drop in support.
28. The school's policy of ensured that students of all backgrounds felt welcome and valued.
29. The lack of communication only served to the existing tensions between the two departments.
30. The link between the suspect and the crime scene raised doubts about his innocence.



Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Asserted 2. Bolster 3. Ascendance 4. Vitriolic 5. Inclusivity 6. Ostracizing 7. Disrupted 8. Precipitant 9. Alleged 10. Fortify

Gap-Fill: 11. indentedness 12. rationale 13. excessively 14. procure 15. controversy 16. corroborates 17. imperative 18. outages 19. trepidations 20. cessation

Matching sentence: 1. assets 2. scrutiny 3. rescue 4. procure 5. disrupted 6. bolster 7. perceived 8. inclusivity 9. exacerbate 10. alleged

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